

# The Elba Clipper

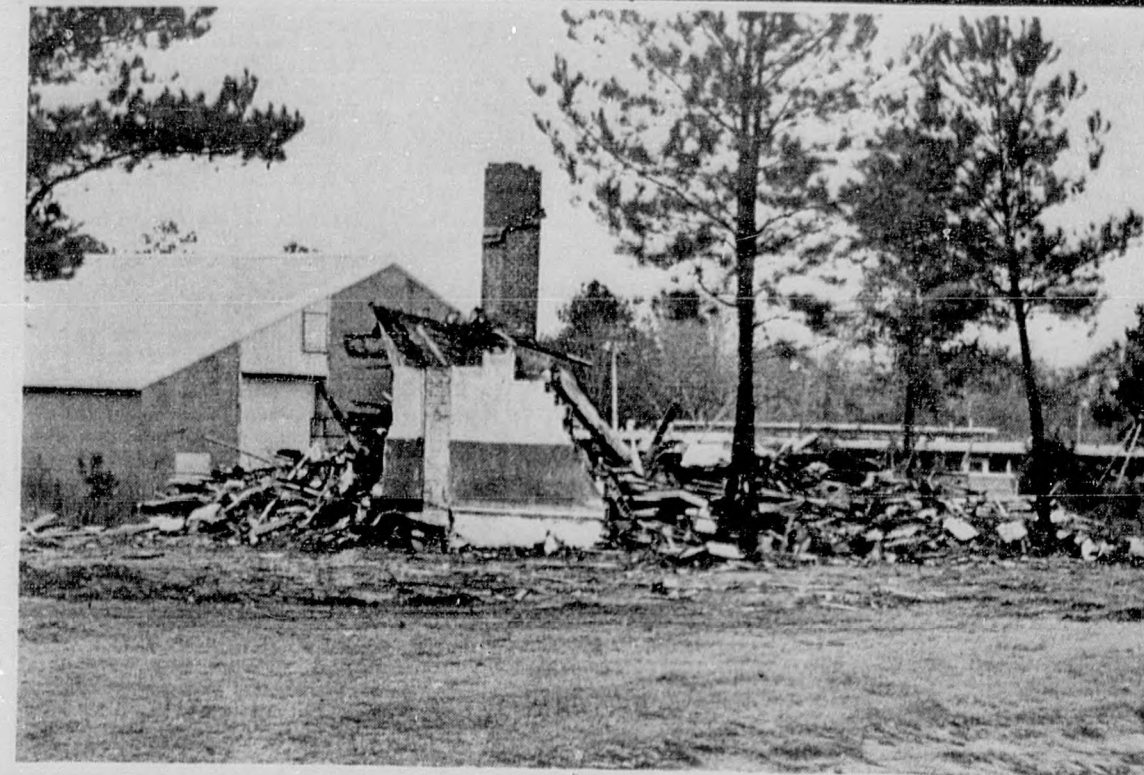
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**CITY CONTINUES CLEAN UP AT OLD MULBERRY SCHOOL**...One wall was all that was standing Friday afternoon following a week of work by city crews to clean up the old school yard at the Mulberry Heights school. Residents in the area of the school had complained about the grounds and the general appearance of the school yard and last week clean up crews began the project to make the school grounds safer and more attractive.

## Elba police staying busy

The Elba Police Department has been busy in recent months and while statistics reveal that the number of arrests and traffic tickets are up for the final quarter in 1988, Police Chief Freddie Hanchey reports the increases are due to increased traffic enforcement and declares "Elba is not becoming a speed trap!"

"We have received numerous complaints from citizens across the city concerned about cars speeding in residential areas," stated Hanchey, "and we have picked up our traffic enforcement in all areas. It is true that more vehicles are being stopped and more tickets are being written, but we aren't stopping cars that are going one mile over the speed limit. We are stopping cars that don't obey the speed limit and by doing so we are doing a better job of protecting the citizens in Elba."

"The number of DUI (driving under the influence) cases has risen sharply," said Chief Hanchey, "and one reason is simply that more cars are being stopped. Another reason for the DUI's is the use of a new instrument that officers keep with them in their patrol cars. The instrument is portable and when a driver is suspected of being intoxicated he breathes into the small computerized instrument, which will indicate the presence of alcohol. If a driver shows up positive, he is taken to the station and administered a test. The instrument is very accurate and has become a valuable tool in fighting drunk drivers."

"With the increase in traffic enforcement in recent months the figures have risen," said Hanchey, "but it is our job to serve and protect the people of our city and we are going to do the best job we can. The best way to avoid getting a traffic ticket is to slow down and obey the speed limit signs."

Figures compiled from police records revealed that in a comparison from the months of July, August and September to the months of October, November and December, the number of arrests had risen

from 36 to 52, while traffic tickets rose sharply from 40 to 139.

Of the traffic tickets, speeding tickets rose from 15 to 48 and DUI's rose from 8 to 26.

"Arrests are a misleading figure because when a person is charged with four counts of a crime, such as theft of property, it shows up as four arrests, when actually only one

person is involved," stated Hanchey. "Traffic tickets are up because of what I have already reported, but a figure that is just as important is the one that reveals that over the same time period the number of traffic accidents declined from 42 to 32. Looking at that figure indicates that the increased traffic enforcement is paying off."

## Jury selected for murder trial

A jury consisting of 12 white women and 2 black men were selected late Tuesday afternoon in the murder trial of Willie Simmons Jackson, an Elba man accused in the 1988 beating death of an elderly Elba resident.

Over 100 potential jurors began the two-day selection process on Monday morning, while the actual striking of the jurors began after lunch on Tuesday.

The jury took their seats in the jury box at approximately 5:00 p.m. Tuesday and were to begin hearing evidence in the case Wednesday.

Jack is accused of the beating death of Elmo Roberts, of Elba, and the case is expected to last approximately one week.



**CONSTABLES TAKE OATH OF OFFICE**...Four Constables in Coffee County recently took the oath of office for another four-year term. Pictured above are (l-r) Probate Judge Marion Brunson, who administered the oath; Bobby Williams, Beat 10; Buddy Ammons, Beat 9; Tommy Danley, Beat 19 and Benjamin Montes, Beat 8.

## Human Resources closes books on 1988

The Coffee County Department of Human Resources released its monthly bulletin recently and in the report department director Ronald Smith stated that "All of us can reflect on 1988 as a very successful year and we look forward to 1989 with optimism and enthusiasm that it will be even better."

Smith also reported that December had been a busy month and thanked the local and county governments for their support of the various programs involving Christmas.

Adult Services supervisor Cathie Hansen reported that her department had investigated one case of neglect.

Hansen also stated that many elderly and/or handicapped persons

can be exploited by their caretakers through the misuse of the persons Social Security or disability checks.

Child Support and Eligibility supervisor Dianne Parker reported that total child support collections for the past month totaled \$45,349.04.

Parker explained that the new Catastrophic Medicare would only cover the part B premiums, the annual hospital deductible and co-pay. She added that coverage was limited to these specific expenses only and medical conditions were not a determining factor.

Family and Children's Services supervisor Glenda Frazier reported that "December is always a busy month."

She stated Operation Santa Claus was a great success and reported that more gifts were given to families than ever before.

Frazier also reported that in December her office investigated a total of 20 cases, including those of physical abuse-5, neglect-8 and sexual abuse-7.

Food Stamp supervisor Debbie Jones reported that in December food stamps were issued to a total of 1,151 households, with the total number of people in the households being 2,896 and the total value of stamps issued being \$131,250.

## Assessment committee releases findings

The assessment committee appointed by the Elba City Board of Education completed its survey of the Elba City School system recently and at the January 10, 1989 meeting of the school board presented its "comprehensive needs assessment report" to the members of

the board. In the area concerning Capital Outlay Needs, the committee cited a need for six additional classrooms at the Elba Middle School, as well as a science lab and computer lab, with an estimated price tag of \$280,200.

## Rep. Holley feels budget will get approved by legislature

The Alabama Legislature will begin its regular session on Tuesday, February 7 and according to Representative Jimmy Holley the legislators should be in agreement over the need to pass a budget that all state agencies could work with.

For the first time since I've been in the legislature I have a strong feeling that during this session the budget isolation amendment will be honored and a budget will be adopted," said Holley during a recent interview. "Back in the Fob James administration an amendment was passed placing the adoption of a budget as the number one priority, but as was evident in the most recent session, a resolution can be approved to waive the priority and when this happens the adoption of the budget can bog down. I believe that it will be more difficult to pass a budget isolation resolution during the upcoming session and the budget will get top priority. I have always felt it was proper to deal with the budget first and I will continue to voice that opinion."

When asked about the upcoming budget, Rep. Holley stated "It is usually easier to pass a budget when we don't have a lot of money to spend and that should be the case this year."

"Last year's Education Trust Fund included over \$100 million in one time funds," said Holley, "so the funds available will be less this time around. It has been estimated that the fund will experience a 5 to 6 percent growth factor that will offset all but \$20-40 million and when you're talking about that type shortage in a \$2.3 billion budget it really isn't as drastic as it might appear."

"The General Fund is expected to generate a 2 to 2 1/2 growth rate," added Holley, "and that should help

balance the normal increases in social security and insurance that must always be considered."

"With the funds apparently available I can't see a pay raise this year for state employees," said Holley, "although one could consider the increased insurance and other items as a raise of sorts."

Rep. Holley reported that during the session he will be a member of three committees, including committees on rules, local government and elections.

"The rules committee is busiest near the end of the session and sets the agenda for the legislature," stated Holley, "while the election committee deals with anything concerning elections and constitutional amendments and the committee involving local government deals with the League of Municipalities and with local legislation that would affect cities and counties at the statewide level."

Holley indicated that a bill to begin a state lottery had been introduced for the past four years and expected to be introduced again, but doubted any chances it might have for passage.

"More than ever before," said Holley, "we need to work to adopt a timely and sound spending plan for the state. We will have time to work on other matters of importance to the state, such as hazardous waste, but first a budget needs to be approved."

The need for a 15,000 square foot gymnasium to serve both the Elba Elementary School and Elba Middle School was also reported and to construct such a facility would cost an estimated \$750,000.

Other capital outlay needs included vocational education equipment, computer equipment, site improvement and three school buses. The total cost of the capital outlay projects is estimated at \$1,350,200.

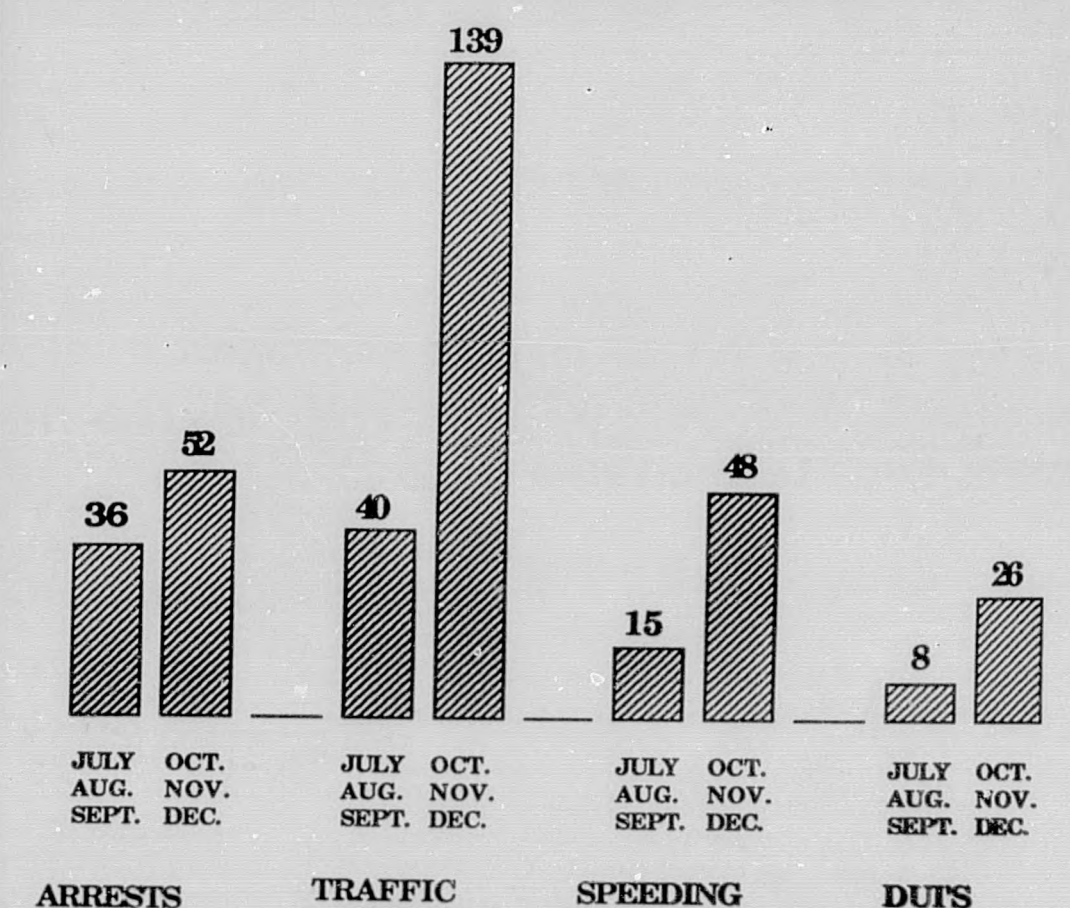
In the area of Staffing Needs, the committee pointed out the need to lower the pupil/teacher ratio, the addition of a guidance counselor to serve both the elementary and middle schools, a librarian at the middle school, an additional speech and language specialist at the elementary and middle schools and additional support personnel at the elementary school and middle school.

The committee found that the Financial Condition of the system was satisfactory and that the system received funds from various taxes and agencies and noted the only source of additional funding available would have to be generated through local appropriation. In a Narrative On Instruction, the committee reported "The needs assessed were in the areas of staffing, physical facilities and curriculum."

The committee stated "There seems to be a philosophy in the belief of an educational program which will promote the development of the individual by providing a wholesome atmosphere and a variety of stimulating teaching methods and techniques to motivate learning in all students. All buildings are in good condition with the general with the exception of generating in a few areas. The physical facility needs are primarily in grades K through 6, where there is a need for six new classrooms and a gym for indoor physical education."

In its Narrative On Operations, the committee reported "The principal in working with their faculty and lay citizens have formulated educational objectives which are in harmony with those announced for the school system and with those set forth in the state course of study. A master curriculum schedule has been developed by each school to give maximum learning opportunities to all students."

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**COMPARISON OF  
POLICE ACTIVITY IN THE  
CITY OF ELBA  
JULY - SEPT. VS. OCT. - DEC**



## BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

We are trying to have patience with the resurfacing by the state highway department but it is awful hard. They did the paving, covered up some storm drain or sewer line covers and we are told they will come back and correct this. That is okay. Then they started painting stripes on the street. Now if you folks believe you never violate traffic laws... you had better not drive up or down Claxton from Simmons Street to the Y. It is almost impossible to do anything there without doing it wrong. We ain't suppose to cross the solid line, right of the center line. We ain't suppose to do anything in a lane except what is marked there, etc. This week if you come South on Claxton you virtually can't do anything but go straight, except to the football stadium. If you are lucky enough to have gotten in the turn lane at the one place allowed. If you are going North, all the same problems apply, PLUS you can't turn in at The Peoples Bank at either entrance nor can you go north on Claxton past the Y! The center lane has a turn arrow and so you either turn in at Hardees or take the outside lane to the right and out the Troy Highway. Or you could do as this country boy and ignore the markings and do what you think is right. We will discuss the inherent problems with the insurance adjuster later.

The murder this past weekend in Graceville, Florida of a prominent couple was bad. They were very successful business people and very active in civic endeavors. They had local ties, having sold lumber to Dorsey Trailers prior to their selling of their Graceville lumber company a number of years ago.

We received a letter to the editor this week thankful for the good words about the work being done by Elba Mayor Fred Moore. We appreciate the letter, and hope we don't shoot down the good thoughts about us when we scorm the following actions. The original idea of patching the cracks on the sidewalks was good but some worker with the bucket of cement got to enjoying his work. In a number of places we see efforts were made to fill in expansion joints in the sidewalks! The first time we saw this, a local businessman was standing on the sidewalk with a puzzled look on his face and asking "What is going on?" We looked up and down the street and simply said that we didn't really know.

We were in the schoolhouse Monday evening admiring the many projects entered in the science fair. Everything was going well until an English teacher commented about the misuse of *effect* and *affect*. We managed to let this slide until another teacher mentioned the same thing. Then we spent the balance of our tour of the projects checking for their errors in grammar. Not that we are experts ourselves, but some things just jump out at us. Honestly we didn't count the *effects* and *affects* but we did see several of those plus a "does" for "do," etc. We believe if they will keep the grammar experts out next year, we will learn something from the many ideas explored by these young people.

The weather is just beautiful these days. Hedy and I drove to Mobile Saturday morning and it was a pleasant drive. We went to visit sick relatives and not to join in the festivities, and managed to get out of town before the next parade Saturday night. We did notice that there were folks on the interstate who were in a much bigger hurry to get somewhere than we were. We would be driving along at the maximum limit of 65 and it was like we were tied! Cars were just whizzing by constantly. The only folks obeying the speed limit seemed to be the drivers of those 18 wheelers.

The recent talking between American, Russian and Cuban officials on the 1962 confrontation between President John Kennedy and Premier Nikita Khrushchev over the missiles in Cuba can make you shudder. Apparently we were awful close to war during that time. We shake even more, 'cause we had been recalled to military duty during the "Berlin Crisis" and was among a bunch who were prime targets to get shot down in helicopters ferrying troops around Cuba if we had gotten to a point of shooting off guns instead of mouths.

## ESJC News

ESJC IS 24 YEARS OLD AND STILL GROWING

Nearing its silver anniversary Enterprise State Junior College has announced plans for a major three-part construction project. In making the announcement, collect president Dr. Joseph D. Talmadge said, "Everyone on campus is very excited about the new construction, which will include a new classroom/office building for the history and English divisions and additions to the library and health building."

ESJC opened its doors in 1965 with 252 freshmen attending classes in buildings in downtown Enterprise. A year later, upon completion of the initial three buildings - Administration, Science and Library - the staff moved to the present location.

Madison Construction Co. of Ozark was low bidder on the \$1.5-million project, which will be funded with state bonds from the Trade School and Junior College Authority. Plans are to have the additions ready for occupancy with 14 months, Dr. Talmadge said.

"The first construction since the completion of the fine arts building in 1979, the project will give ESJC nine badly needed classrooms," Talmadge explained. "We are also getting additional library space and a new child care center."

Relocation of library materials will allow for a new child care center which will double the Kindergarten accommodations, increasing its enrollment to 30.

### LIFESAVING COURSE

A lifesaving course will be taught at ESJC Feb. 20 - March 2, with classes meeting Monday - Thursday, 7 - 10 p.m.

Upon completion of the course students will be issued certificates for lifeguard status. (This does not include certification as a water safety instructor.)

Call 347-2623 or 1-800-874-3399 for more information.

### NEW BASIC EDUCATION CLASS

A new class has been added to the ESJC Basic Education program, and will meet 6 - 8 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, as of Feb. 1.

Also, the Ft. Rucker and Elba programs have been extended to meet three days each week.

There is no charge for the course which teaches basic skills in reading, English, and mathematics.

Call the Short Course Office at 347-2623 or 1-800-874-3399 for details.

## WE RECEIVE LETTERS

Dear Ricky,

Elba Cub Scout Pack 47 is proud to be a part of our community, and is grateful for the outstanding response to our "Scouting for Food" drive this past fall.

The Cub Scouts are now selling tickets to the 1989 Scout Expo to be held Saturday, April 1, 1989, from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Houston County Farm Center in Dothan. The Scout Expo is a fun and educational activity for the whole family.

Tickets for the Scout Expo are available for a \$1.00 donation per ticket. Each ticket includes discounts at three local restaurants, with a value of more than \$3.00, so the tickets are worth buying even by those who cannot attend the Scout Expo.

Sales of the tickets help the local Cub Scout Pack 47 pay for badges, supplies, and other necessary expenses. We ask all the citizens of Elba to help us meet our sales goals. (This is our only fundraising effort for the year.)

Tickets may be purchased from any Cub Scout or Scout leader. For more information, or if no Scout contacts you, call Cubmaster Bob Prichard at 897-2057, or 897-3683.

Tickets may be purchased by mail, or by sending your check, made out to "Boy Scouts of America," to 1020 Elm Ave., Elba, AL 36623.

Sincerely,

BOB PRICHARD,  
Cubmaster  
Elba Cub Scout Pack 47

Dear Mr. Cox,

I am one of your "out-of-town" subscribers, formerly of Elba. I look forward to getting my *Elba Clipper* each week; I go through it from front to back and read every word. I just might know some of the people mentioned.

Lately I've noticed that you have written a lot of good words about the new Elba Mayor Fred Moore. I myself believe that Fred is a good and honest man and will do everything in his power to abide by the rules and keep his campaign promises.

I believe that he will be a mayor that all of Elba will be proud of. He brings his good family name, pride and integrity to the office.

So, Mr. Cox, keep the good words about Fred coming! I like the good words about Fred; but then I am biased!! Like every younger sister should be, I am mighty proud of my brother!!

ARLENE MOORE FONTE  
2509 Dolores Dr.  
Marrero, LA 70072

## Amoco Fabrics & Fibers Co. To Increase Employment & Payroll

Amoco Fabrics and Fiber Company recently announced an equipment conversion which will significantly increase employment and payroll at Amoco's polypropylene carpet face yarn facility in Andalusia, Ala.

During a news conference hosted by Alabama Governor Guy Hunt at his office in Montgomery, Amoco Fabrics and Fibers Company President Bud Olson announced the company's plans which will create approximately 180 jobs, bringing the Andalusia Mills workforce to approximately 1,100 employees and increasing the facility's annual payroll by approximately \$4.5 million to \$25 million.

The conversion, including manpower additions, will begin in February and will be phased in by fall 1989.

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COUNTY RESIDENT DISPLAYS BULLET HOLE...Lewis McInnis, a resident of the Ino community, displays a mirror from his pickup truck that was destroyed by a bullet. McInnis stated the truck was parked in his front yard last Thursday when a bullet struck the mirror. Deputy Sheriff Tom Weeks estimated the shot was fired from 1/2 to one-mile away from the McInnis home and warned hunters to be careful when using bullets with such velocity.

## Former Elba Lawyer Is New Appeals Judge

Judge Richard L. Holmes of Montgomery is the new presiding judge of the State Court of Civil Appeals, succeeding Judge Robert Bradley, who retired recently.

Holmes, senior member of the appeals court, becomes the fourth presiding judge in the court's history. The other members of the court are Judges Kenneth F. Ingram and William E. Robertson.

Born in Birmingham and reared in Mobile, Holmes practiced law in Elba and Montgomery until he was appointed director of the Dept. of Industrial Relations in 1968, and legal adviser to Gov. Albert Brewer in 1969.

He was elected to the Court of Civil Appeals in 1972, and re-elected in 1978 and 1984 without opposition.

Holmes and his wife Jacqueline have two daughters - Ashton and Lee.

## Free Tax Assistance Available For Area Citizens

Free tax service for the elderly and low income families is again being offered by AARP (Alabama Association of Retired Persons).

Volunteers will be located in two locations:  
Elba - Senior Citizen Center, on the square, each Thursday 9 a.m. - noon, and 1 - 2 p.m.  
Enterprise - Welcome Center, Hwy. 84 bypass (across from TG&Y), Tuesdays 10 a.m. - noon, and 1 - 3 p.m.

Taxpayers are asked to bring last year's copies of federal and state income tax returns.  
AARP representatives advise that children five years or older must have a Social Security number.



Verla Jackson

Smith's Daughter  
Attends Inauguration  
in Washington

Dothan teacher Verla Jackson, daughter of Jimmie Smith and the late Ronald Smith of Elba, was among 250 outstanding teachers from across the nation invited to Washington, D.C. for inauguration week festivities.

Mrs. Jackson is a sixth-grade science teacher at Beverly Middle School.

"I think (Bush) is going to be very positive for education in the United States and Alabama," she said.

The Dothan teacher said she thinks Bush will offer better educational leadership than President Reagan, who she said deserved no better than a "B" for his education record during the past eight years.

During the morning address at the National Museum of Women in the Arts, Education Secretary Lauro F. Caavazos said priorities and programs will be realigned, and mentioned Bush's "Merit School" plan to reward outstanding schools.

Mrs. Jackson, who was chosen by Gov. Guy Hunt to attend the event, said the forum showed his (Bush's) commitment to be a leader and a listener.

"You have to be willing to go to the classroom to find out what's needed," she said, "and I think (Bush) will do that."

The teachers were invited to stay in Washington for the swearing-in ceremonies, inaugural parade and other events.

Mrs. Jackson was accompanied by her husband Lamar.

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## Social News

### Tatum - Meers Wedding Planned For March 11th



Miss Tatum

#### Ann B. McDowell, M.D.

Announces Her Association With  
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**Psychiatry**  
and  
**Sleep Disorders Medicine**  
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Doctors' Center Professional Building  
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3226 West Main Street  
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(205) 793-9564

Mr. and Mrs. Duke Hamling Tatum Jr. announce the engagement of their daughter, Tyna Leigh, to Dr. Stanley Davis Meers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Meers of Dunwoody, Ga.

Miss Tatum's grandparents are Mrs. Duke Hamling Tatum Sr. and the late Mr. Tatum, and the late Mr. and Mrs. James Oliver Hagan of Elizabethtown, Ky.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Auburn University with a degree in mass communications and journalism. She is employed by Troy State University as Public Affairs Director for the Southeastern Public Radio Network.

Dr. Meers is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. William R. Meers of Towanda, Ill., and the late Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Louis Thrush of Brockton, W.V.

He attended Louisiana State University and was graduated from Emory University with a degree in medicine.

He is affiliated with Alabama Emergency Room Administrative Services in Montgomery.

The wedding will be an event of March 11 at the Frazier Memorial Methodist Church in Montgomery.

#### Dizzy Gillespie

#### To Be In Concert

#### In Enterprise

The Coffee County Arts Alliance will present Dizzy Gillespie and his band in concert at Enterprise High School on Saturday, Feb. 11, at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets at the door are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students. Advance tickets are \$13 adults and \$8 students.

Tickets will be available Jan. 30 and may be purchased at Plain N' Fancy and Gallery 2, Enterprise, Jewel Box, Elba, and TIT, Ft. Rucker.

#### Nelson-Simmons Engagement Announced

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne J. Nelson of Elba announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter Susan Yvette to Randall Warren Simmons of Greenville, Ala.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Park T. Sessions of Largo, Fla., and of Mr. and Mrs. V.S. Nelson of Elba.

She is a 1987 graduate of Zion Chapel High School and is currently employed by National Security Inc., Co.

The future groom is the grandson of Mr. Dayton Simmons and the late Mrs. Estelle Simmons, and of the late Mr. Stokes Pederson and Mrs. Louise Pearson.

He is a 1983 graduate of Greenville Academy and is currently employed by Southern Life and Health Ins. Co.

The wedding will be an event of Feb. 18 at two o'clock in the afternoon at Elba First Assembly of God. No local invitations are being sent. All friends and relatives are invited to attend.

Kim A. Hardey, M.D.  
K. Lamar Hart, Jr., M.D.  
Michael A. Ingram, M.D.  
Walter C. Young, M.D.

are, as of December 5, 1988, participating providers in the Blue Cross Preferred Care program. These physicians compose the Women's Medical Center, P.C. at 1901 Melba Drive, Dothan, and are specialists in obstetrics, gynecology, and infertility. The telephone number of the Women's Medical Center is 793-3900.

As part of the Preferred Care network, Drs. Hardey, Hart, Ingram, and Young have joined with over 5,000 other Alabama physicians in working with Blue Cross to assure you of the best possible health care at an affordable price. We're proud of the commitment these providers have made to the over 1,500,000 Preferred Care members statewide.

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### Enzor-Johnson Wedding

Pamela Renea Enzor and Mitchell Wayne Johnson were married Dec. 27, 1988, at 10 o'clock in the morning at Church Street United Methodist Church in Selma, Ala.

Dr. T. Leo Brannon performed the double ring ceremony. Wedding music was provided by Mrs. Nancy Condra.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Frances Diane Enzor of Selma, and the late Jimmy Randall Enzor of Elba.

She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Frances Dagostin and the late Edward J. Dagostin Jr. of Selma, and the late Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Enzor of Elba.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Johnson of Chester, S.C.

He is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Rich Johnson of Chester, S.C., and the late Mr. and Mrs. R.C. Varnabore of Blackstock, S.C.

Escorted by her mother, the bride wore a gown of tulle and Venice lace trim, with a close-fitting bodice adorned with simulated pearls and sequins.

Organza flowers trimmed the softly-ruffled, off-the-shoulder neckline and also accented the chapel-length train.

A headpiece of polyester flowers held her fingertip veil of nylon illusion net.

She carried a cascade of iridescent pink roses, carnations and baby's breath, accented with white lace ribbons and pink picot ribbons.

Attendants of the bride were Kimberly Diane and Amy Noel Enzor, sisters of the bride. They carried sprays of pink roses accented with white lace and pink ribbons.

Sherman Johnson, father of the bridegroom, served as best man. The mother of the bride wore a mauve, tea-length crystal-pleated tunic bodice with three-tiered hem.

The groom's mother was dressed in a mauve floor-length tulle gown with accent bows on the shoulder.

A reception was held at the home of the bride's mother. The couple is living in Chester, S.C.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Park T. Sessions of Largo, Fla., and of Mr. and Mrs. V.S. Nelson of Elba.

She is a 1987 graduate of Zion Chapel High School and is currently employed by National Security Inc., Co.

The future groom is the grandson of Mr. Dayton Simmons and the late Mrs. Estelle Simmons, and of the late Mr. Stokes Pederson and Mrs. Louise Pearson.

He is a 1983 graduate of Greenville Academy and is currently employed by Southern Life and Health Ins. Co.

The wedding will be an event of Feb. 18 at two o'clock in the afternoon at Elba First Assembly of God. No local invitations are being sent. All friends and relatives are invited to attend.

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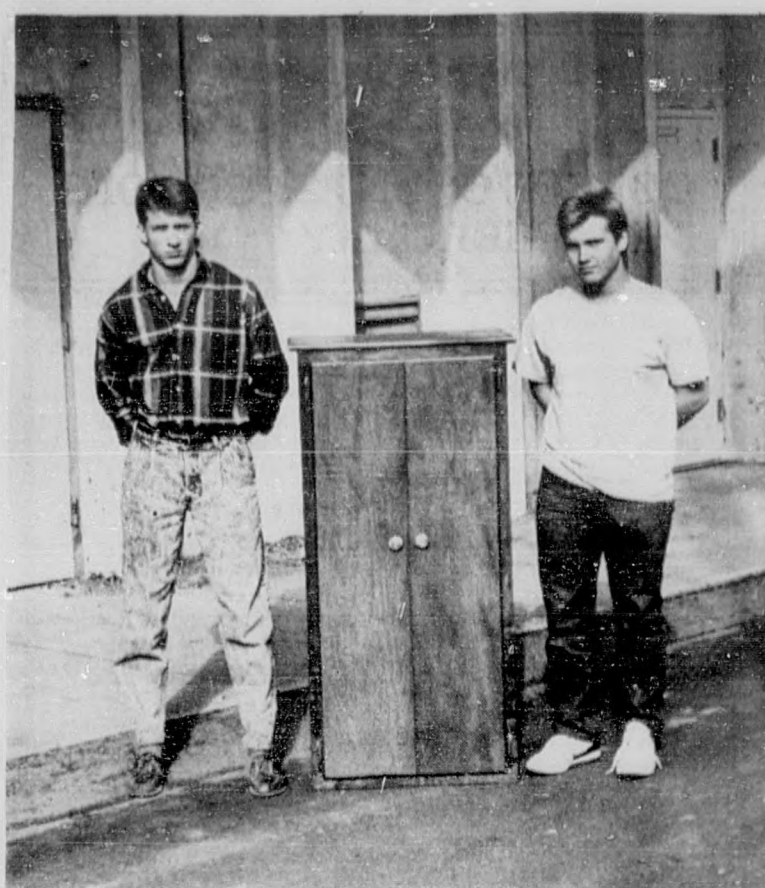
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**FFA WOODWORKING PROJECT OF THE WEEK**  
Pictured are Tim Sullivan and Ron Bryant with a cabinet they built for the high school office. This is just one of the many ways the FFA program benefits the school.



## ELBA HIGH SCHOOL TIGER TALES

### Add Some Sunshine To Someone's Life - Today!

By Melissa Prichard

How do you spend your free time? Do you watch TV, talk on the phone, or ride around?

All of those activities are enjoyable and can be good ways to learn the latest gossip, but why not try

something a little different sometimes? Why not get to know someone special in the nursing home. Many of the patients possess a vitality and zest for life seldom seen in today's society.

Though most of them suffer from great physical pain and emotional heartache, many are always smiling and friendly, ready to say a kind word to listening ears.

Most patients that I've spent time with are very humble and appreciative of every little kindness. Their gratitude shows in every action. Older people are willing to share so much -- every minute spent with them is worth more than gold.

Knowing that you've added some sunshine to an otherwise monotonous day in the life of an older person ought to make you feel good -- I always feel happy and ready to face life's little troubles after spending time with the patients in the nursing home, and I'm sure you would too.

Believe children to be our greatest resource and the elderly our greatest treasure. Let's not forget them!

#### FFA Quartet

#### Sings At New Hope Baptist

By Whitney Wise  
The Elba FFA Quartet, along with their advisor Michael Harrell, sang at New Hope Baptist Church on Sunday, Jan. 22, during the evening worship service.

The youth of the church were in charge of the service.

Everyone enjoyed the services.

## MENU

Elba City Schools  
Feb. 6 - 10

**ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL BREAKFAST**  
Monday - Cereal, Juice, Milk  
Tuesday - Toast, Bacon, Jelly, Milk  
Wednesday - Cheese Toast, Juice, Milk  
Thursday - Cinnamon Rolls (homemade), Juice, Milk  
Friday - Cereal, Juice, Milk

**ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LUNCH**  
Monday - Hot Dog, French Fries, Corn, Fruit, Milk  
Tuesday - Pork Chop, Turnips, Creamed Potatoes, Cheese and Macaroni, Cornbread and Milk  
Wednesday - Fish, French Fries, Slaw, Cake, Fruit, Bread, Milk  
Thursday - Ham and Cheese Sandwich, Lettuce, Butterbeans, Fruit, Cookie and Ice Cream, Milk  
Friday - Vegetable Beef Soup, Cheese Sandwich, Fruit, Crackers, Milk

**MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOLS LUNCH**  
Monday - Vegetable Beef Soup, Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Fruit, Cookie, Milk  
Tuesday - Hot Dog, French Fries, Catsup, Baked Beans, Strawberry Shortcake, Milk  
Wednesday - Spaghetti, Green Salad, Field Peas, Cake with Vanilla Frosting or Fruit Cup, Rolls, Milk  
Thursday - Ham Sandwich, Lettuce, French Fries, Catsup, Green Beans, Chocolate Pudding, Milk  
Friday - Manager's Choice



### SENIORS OF THE WEEK

**MANDY HAM** - is the 17-year-old daughter of Kimmy and Ella Kate Ham. She is a member of the Beta Club, the Junior Music Club, the Student Council, the Girl Scouts, the F Club, the FFA, and is a varsity cheerleader. Mandy works at Jack and Jill Kindergarten. Her favorite class is Physiology, and her hobbies include cheering, dancing, and singing. Mandy's most memorable time was homecoming. She plans to attend the University of Alabama.

**MATT HENDERSON** - is the 17-year-old son of Neil and Shirley Henderson. He is a member of the E Club, Sr. Beta Club, Mu Alpha Theta, FFA and FFAA. Matt likes all of his classes; his favorite teacher is Mr. Harrell. His hobbies are hunting, fishing and playing ball. Matt's suggestion for improvement at school is to put spring break back like it was. His most memorable time will be "graduation '89." Matt plans to go to college.

**MELANIE MOORE** - is the 17-year-old daughter of Howard and Linda Moore. She attended Scotsboro City Schools before coming to Elba. She is a member of the Jr. Music Club, VICA, Sr. Beta Club, and Mu Alpha Theta. She is employed at Big Bear. Melanie's favorite class is the annual staff and her favorite teacher is Mrs. McCollough. Her hobbies include reading, swimming, and a form of tennis "understood only by Mandy Ham and me." Melanie's suggestions for improvement at school is to bring in more people and make the school bigger. Her most memorable time was cheering at the Elba-Crossville game - or "really any football game." She plans to attend college at Troy State University or maybe Auburn.



### BASKETBALL SPOTLIGHT

**LEON COLEMAN** - (Dawg) is the 18-year-old son of Eva Coleman. He is #34 and has been playing basketball for six years. This talented senior plays guard for the Tigers. Leon's most memorable time was the 1987 Louisville game. Besides playing basketball, Leon enjoys playing football and baseball. After graduation he plans to enter the service.

**PHIL BOGGAN** - is the 17-year-old son of Phillip and Sue Boggan. He is a junior and has been playing basketball for five years. He is #44 and plays the position of forward. Phil's most memorable time was his first time starting against Louisville. He had 28 points and 14 rebounds. After graduation Phil plans to try out for the basketball team at Enterprise State Junior College, then go to Auburn where he wants to study architecture.

**DAX LEANDRO** - is the 17-year-old grandson of Bill and Ibelle Oggs. He is a senior and has been playing basketball for 6 years. He is #10 and plays the position of guard. Dax's most memorable time was the 1987 game against Clayton. After graduation he plans to attend college.

**JACKIE STOUDEMIRE** - is 17 years old and a junior. He is #42 and plays the position of forward. He has been playing basketball for three years and his most memorable time was the '89 game against Opp where he scored 10 points. After graduation Jackie plans to attend Alabama State.

**BENIE DANIELS** - is 16 years old and a sophomore. He is #4 and plays the position of point guard. Bennie has been playing basketball for four years, but his freshman year was the most memorable. After graduation Bennie hopes to play college basketball.

### Elba FFA Is Selling BBQ Boston Butts

By Roger Allen  
The Elba FFA will be barbecuing Boston Butts on the night of Feb. 11. They will be selling tickets for \$15.00.

Anyone wishing to purchase a Boston Butt may contact the Agriculture Dept. at 897-2266.

### ELBA Pardon our dust ... as we bring better telephone service to the Elba area

In 1989, we will complete a \$2.8 million project that will bring our Elba customers a better grade of telephone service. Higher quality, state-of-the-art telecommunications, Right here in Elba.

It's all part of a three-year plan to upgrade our facilities that serve you ...so you can talk to whomever you want to, whenever you want to -- clearly.

We've already made a lot of progress, but there is still plenty of work to do. Construction will go on for several more months.

So, pardon our dust, and please bear with us if you are one of the few customers who incur brief periods of inconvenience. We can assure you the end result will be better telephone service for Elba -- as good as there is anywhere in Alabama. Or anywhere in the country, for that matter.

We intend to keep you informed about our progress. Watch for advertisements and news items in future editions of the newspaper.

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### History Students Witness Inauguration Proceedings

By Dana Dean

What is the president's full name? If you were in Mrs. Rachel Bryan's American History class this is one of the questions you would have had to answer on Jan. 20.

Members of the class watched the inauguration ceremonies on Friday and then answered such questions as the one listed above, and wrote a paragraph about their impression of the inauguration.

"I trust democracy and I saw it in action," was one student's response.

Another student stated, "I enjoyed the peacefulness of the changing of power. It made me proud to be an American."

One other student said, "It symbolizes something patriotic to me, but I don't know how to put it into words."

The students also discussed such things as the president's favorite drink and snack. In addition to the trivia, the commentators gave a lot of history about past presidents.

Mrs. Bryan stated, "Most of the two classes had never watched an inauguration before. Many of them thought the experience was interesting, although they thought the \$25 million spent on the ceremonies could have been spent for better purposes."

### Home Economic Students Studying Food Groups

By Stephanie Goodson

Mrs. Joan Hobbs, Home Economics teacher at Zion Chapel High School, recently has been teaching her classes about food.

In this study the students have been learning about the dangers of food not being well-prepared, and about other regulations concerning the four major food groups.

The classes have learned about the four bacteria, which are the major causes of food poisoning. Salmonella, for instance, is a very common type of food poisoning that is not fatal. It can be caused by raw meat, poultry, eggs, milk products, and products made from these

items. Staphylococcus is a bacteria that grows in meats, salads, sandwiches, and especially, cream fillings in desserts. This bacteria cannot be destroyed by baking or boiling like many others.

Clostridia Perfringens is a widespread bacteria in animal feces, soil, and sewage. It can be prevented if leftovers are put in the refrigerator instead of being left at room temperature.

Bordetella is a very rare but fatal type of food poisoning caused from poor canning methods. It even takes a temperature greater than the boiling point to kill this bacteria.

### Greenhouse Effect Is Of Interest To Local Students

By David Jackson

The "greenhouse effect" has been a major concern of scientists for years, but until recently hasn't weighed very heavily on the minds of the public in general. Due to the amount of reports and television time it has received, however, the public is now very much concerned about what it's doing to our world.

In this article, I thought it might be interesting to find out a little about what the "greenhouse effect" is.

The greenhouse effect is the behavior of the earth's atmosphere that causes heat from the sun to be trapped near the earth's surface. The earth's atmosphere allows most of the sunlight that reaches it to pass

through and heat the earth's surface. Very little infrared radiation is absorbed by the carbon dioxide, ozone, and water in the earth's atmosphere, and the rest is sent back into space.

In recent years the amount of these gases has risen and is expected to continue to rise, causing more infrared radiation to be absorbed. "This increase would, in turn, disrupt the earth's delicate ecological balance."

What I found out was very near what students in Mrs. Anita Grant's classes found out about it. Mrs. Grant polled her biology class and 20 out of 25 students knew exactly what the greenhouse effect was.

### SGA Gives Go Ahead For Purchase Of School Sign

By Ashley Wise

The Zion Chapel Student Government Association is giving the Coffee County Vocational School the word "GO" for the announcement board to be placed in front of the school.

The idea for the sign was brought up by Ms. Lisa Holcomb during the SGA president's election and president Randy Flowers adopted the idea and began the necessary procedures.

After two weeks of drawing blueprints and taking bids, the Vocational School in New Brockton was chosen to build the sign. It will be built by Zion Chapel students and will be purchased with funds raised by the SGA.

Purpose for the sign is to make the community aware of upcoming school events and to show more recognition of the school.

Cost of the sign is estimated at \$300 and it should be completed by the beginning of the last nine weeks of school.

Students also had to write character descriptions. The descriptions had to tell the physical appearance, personality, and dress of the character. A quote that told more about the character's personality also had to be included.

The descriptions had to be turned in with the drawings.

### HOSA Students Preparing Planning Trip To

Farley Nuclear

By Pamela Franklin  
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### TEACHERS GET A RECORD \$538 IN INSTRUCTIONAL MONEY

By Fran Wallace

Teachers in Alabama received \$538 of instructional money for the school year 88-89. This is the most money they have ever received at one time, and it was used to buy supplies for teachers' classrooms.

Mrs. Mary Herbert, math teacher, bought an overhead projector, a new screen for the projector, and two printed boards to use in her geometry class. She said the reason she got the overhead projector was that it was easier to show problems and it met no chalk!

Mrs. Herbert said she has needed this equipment for quite some time and is glad she has it.

### Rebel B Team Falls To Elba

By Todd Rugg

The Zion Chapel B-Team Rebels hosted cross-country rivals, the Elba Tigers, last Friday and the Tigers went away with a 67-51 victory.

The Tigers came out red-hot in the first half behind the 3-point shooting of Hayden Young and Shane Spurlin. The Rebels, however, could not seem to get any offense rolling, scoring only 18 points to the Tigers' 33 in the first half.

The second half looked the same as the first with the Rebels still cold from the outside, and the Tigers still lighting it up from the 3-point line.

The Rebels made a run in the fourth quarter, but it wasn't enough to stop the Tigers' momentum as they rolled to a 67-51 victory.

Todd Rugg led the Rebels' offense with 15 points. Both Chris Dewberry and Chris Baker added 12 for Z.C.

The dance will be held Feb. 11 at the Zion Chapel gymnasium. Admission is \$2 a person and grades 7 - 12 can attend.

The dance will begin at 7 o'clock and end at midnight. Refreshments will be served. Jeff Hussey, a senior at ZC, will be the DJ.

Proceeds from the dance will go toward a new sign to put in front of the school.

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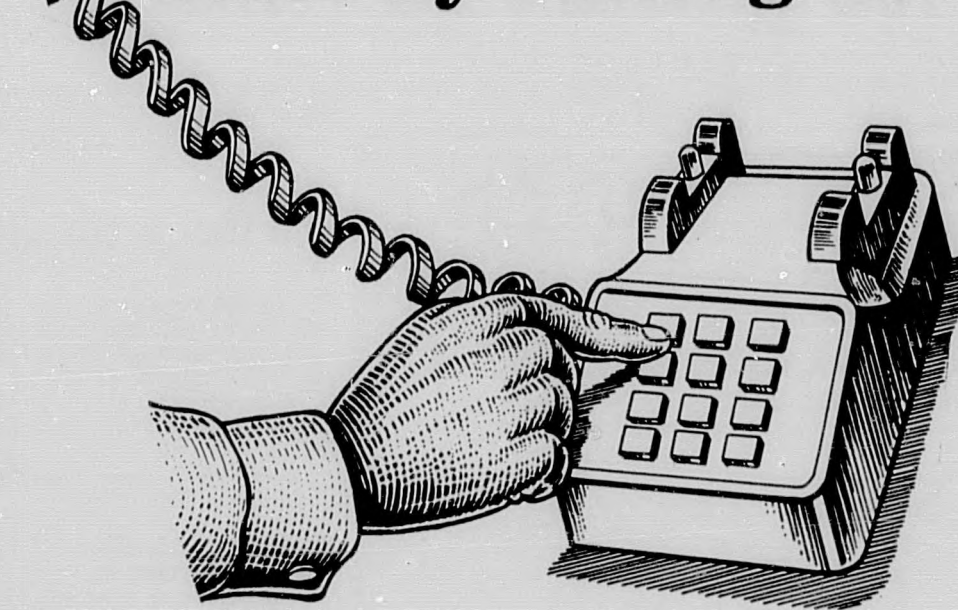
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## Views From... The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Editor

It's a little hectic around my desk today (Monday) as I am trying to write sports and news while going back and forth to the courthouse as a potential juror for a trial set for this week. I wrote as much as possible Friday and got most of the courtroom work out of the way, but it's still hectic because every trip back to the office I hurry around trying to stay on schedule while keeping an eye on the clock. On well, at least I work close enough to the courthouse to get some work done while I'm waiting.

### ELBA TIGERS POST BIG AREA WIN

The Elba Tigers defeated the Luverne Tigers Friday night in an Area 2 battle and while any win is a big one, this one was a little bigger than most because by winning the Tigers moved up to the #3 seed in the upcoming area tournament and won't have to meet defending state champion Clayton in the early round. A loss would have put Elba one game away from Clayton, which could mean a quick end to the season, but the win put the Tigers in the other bracket and if the Tigers can get by Luverne in the first round of the tournament they can earn a trip to sub-state. The Tigers have split with Luverne, so, while a win will be tough, at least the Elba players know that win will put them in sub-state regardless of how they might do if they get to Clayton. Yep, it was a big win!

Elba played pretty well in both games last week as they fell to Clayton and then knocked off Luverne. In the loss to Clayton, the Tigers jumped ahead early and stayed ahead until a disastrous third quarter, when they scored only three points. The loss showed the Elba players that they could play with a top ranked team and the experience helped Friday night when the Tigers surprised 11-2 Luverne. Elba played hard throughout the game against a very talented Luverne squad and pulled out the win in the closing seconds on a pair of free-throws. Elba had lost a couple of games in the second half this year and some of those losses came in the final minutes, so, a last second win against a good team was just what the doctor ordered.

Perhaps the top performance of the week from an Elba player came from Bennie Daniels. Daniels, a sophomore, guard, is the Tigers' point guard and leads the squad on the court and last week had two good games to help Elba up its record to 6-8. If Daniels continues to improve he may be a fine one before long!

### TEAMS ENTER HOME STRETCH

The regular season is drawing to a close across the state and locally all the teams except one appear to be ready to enter tournament action. Here's a quick look at what happened last week.

\*\*\*New Brockton posted big wins over Straughn and Red Level and could be peaking at just the right time. The Gamecocks have played in pressure games throughout the season and survived, and in days to come will play some teams like Enterprise, Elba and Geneva County, a trio of teams that will provide stiff challenges. If New Brockton can pick up a couple of wins before the start of the tourney it could be hard to beat in 2A.

\*\*\*Kinston continued to be the cardiac kids last week with another last second win and the Bulldogs have got to be getting tough mentally. The Bulldogs have some big games left and will have to play well to win, but the Bulldogs are growing teeth and come tourney time could be just about ready to bite!

\*\*\*Brantley just kept rolling along last week and could post another 20-win season with some wins in the closing weeks of the season. The Bulldogs posted a lopsided win over a good Highland Home squad and may have finally decided to take charge on the court and go ahead and put an opponent away when they get the chance. The Dogs are for real!

\*\*\*Zion Chapel should have been brimming with confidence after knocking off Elba, but as been the case all year the Rebels came back flat and dropped decisions to Highland Home and Antioch, two games they probably should have won. Zion Chapel is no powerhouse, that's obvious; however, the Rebels aren't that bad a 2A club and can never be counted out.

### A SHOOTOUT OVER AT ESJC?

Junior college basketball in south Alabama draws about as many folks as a good marbles match out behind the school, but area fans may have missed history in the making last week when the Enterprise State Boll Weevils and Jeff Davis Junior College tied up for a wild game over at the ESJC gym. The Boll Weevils won the game 95-88 and while the score was higher than usual, the history was made when the two squads made a total of 28 three-point shots during the game. Each team nailed 14 shots from behind the three-point stripe and those in attendance are still talking about the shootout. Maybe we're missing something!

### COLLAPSE MAY BE WARNING

A section of bleachers collapsed last week at a basketball game at the Wicksburg High School gym and while no one received serious injuries, the incident could have been disastrous and should serve as a warning to schools across the state and nation. I've talked with a number of local high school coaches over the years who have been concerned about the condition of bleachers and over the weekend had a coach tell me he was just waiting for some of the bleachers in his school's gym to come down. I hope that school officials will learn from Wicksburg's misfortune and not wait until it's too late.

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# SPORTS

### Tigers trip Luverne 66-65

Bennie Daniels hit both ends of a one-and-one free-throw with only :11 left Friday night to lift the Elba Tigers to an exciting 66-65 win over the Luverne Tigers, in an important Class 3A, Area 3 clash.

The win upped Elba's record to 6-8 (3-4 in area play), while Luverne slipped to 11-3 (4-3 in area action) with the loss.

Both teams opened the fast-paced game shooting well and by the end of the first quarter Luverne had pulled out to a 17-14 advantage. Elba began to chip away at the deficit in the second quarter and used a sticky defense and the shooting of Bennie Daniels to catch Luverne at 29-29 by the end of the half.

The action slowed slightly in the third quarter and both teams played well defensively, but the area rivals caught fire in the final stanza and kept the fans on their feet until the final horn!

Bennie Daniels scored 11 points

in the final stanza and went to the line for a one-and-one with :11 left with the Tigers trailing 65-64. Daniels calmly hit both of the free-throws to give the Tigers the lead and then watched as with :02 left a Luverne player missed two free-throws, giving Elba the exciting win.

Bennie Daniels scored 23 points to lead Elba, while Jackie Stoudemire and Phil Boggan both added 10. Gerald Jackson scored 22 for Luverne and Carlton Golden added 17.

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Elba (66): Kelley 6, Daniels 23, McKinnon 7, Rowe 4, Stoudemire 10, Leandro 1, Boggan 10, Barnes 5.

Luverne (65): Brown 9, Golden 17, Jackson 22, Rogers 11, Harrell 2, Brantley 4.

### Clayton defeats Elba 53-41

The Elba Tigers saw their hopes for a major upset fall short last Tuesday night as the top-ranked Clayton Tigers pulled away in the second half to turn back the Tigers 53-41, in Elba.

Elba came out ready to play in the opening stanza and jumped out to a quick 10-3 lead behind the play sophomore Bennie Daniels. Clayton caught the Tigers at 14-14 by the end of the stanza; however, the Tigers remained in front for much of the half and at intermission went in tied at 24-24.

Elba's shooting touch went ice cold in the third quarter and while Clayton could fair only slightly better, the visitors did manage to outscore the Tigers 9-3 to grab a 33-27 advantage. Elba refused to allow Clayton to take command in the final stanza and with 3:24 left the Tigers trailed only 44-40, but Elba scored only one point in the closing minutes and Clayton ran away with the win.

Bennie Daniels scored 17 points to lead Elba, while Maurice White led Clayton with 14.

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### Jazz post youth basketball win

The Youth Basketball League continued its season last weekend in Elba and making the biggest noise was the Jazz, which claimed its first win of the season.

The standings with one week left in the season show the Nets in first with a 4-1 record, followed by the Lakers 3-2, Hawks 2-3 and Jazz 1-4.

Following are highlights of last week's action:

NETS 29  
HAWKS 16

The Nets led all the way to post a big 29-16 win over the Hawks. The Nets jumped out to an 8-3 lead in the first quarter, led 18-10 at the end of the third quarter and then pulled away late to post the lopsided win.

Earnest Baker scored 9 points to lead the Nets, while Brian Rowe added 8, Darrell Jones 7 and Cory

### Tourney time is near in state

The high school basketball regular season will draw to a close next week and while all the teams are hoping to finish the schedule on a roll, area fans are already looking ahead to the upcoming Area tournaments.

Following is a preview of the Area tournament action

CLASS 3A, AREA 3  
AT, CLAYTON

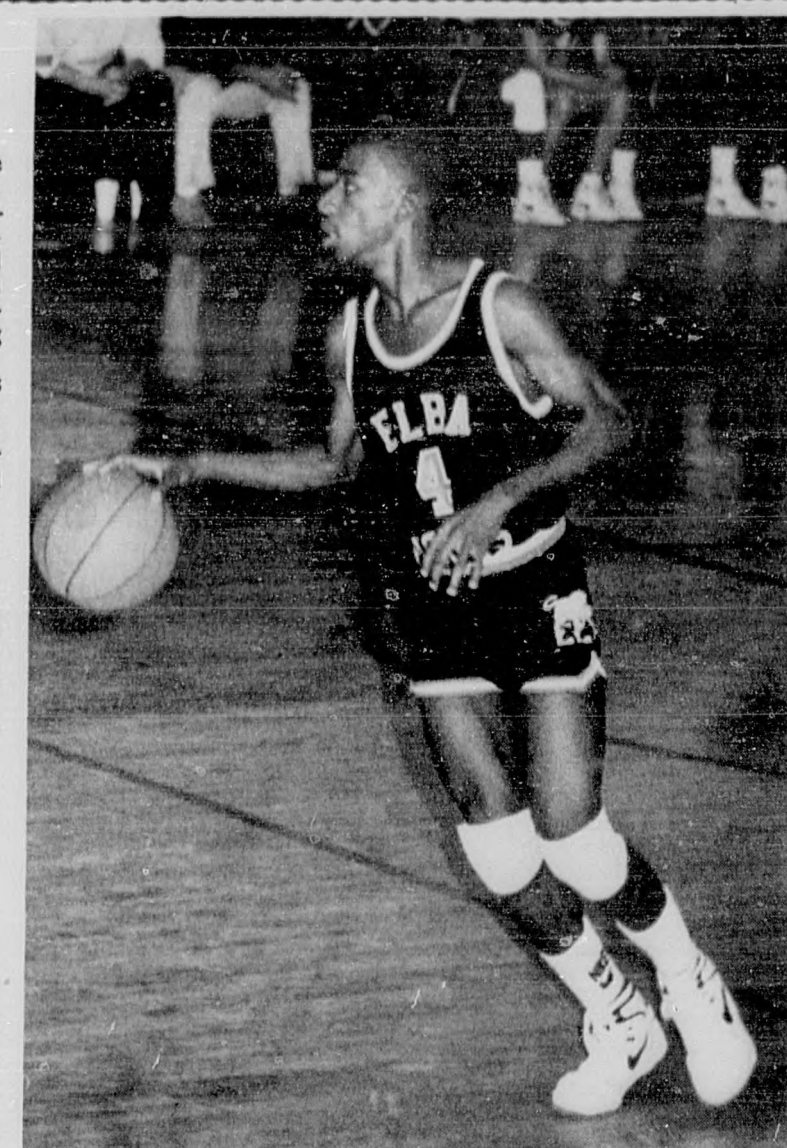
The defending state champion Clayton Tigers will host this year's event, which will take on a new look with the addition of Luverne

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Elba's Bennie Daniels (4) eyes the action during a recent Tiger battle. Daniels, a sophomore, poured in a total of 40 points in two games last week to lead the Tigers as their record went to 6-8 for the season.

### Elba Tiger B team ups record to 8-5 with two impressive wins

The Elba Tiger B team ran its winning streak to five games last week as it defeated Clayton 60-58 and Luverne 58-47 to improve its season record to 8-5.

Following are highlights of both wins:

ELBA 60  
CLAYTON 58

The Elba Tiger B team hit 10 of 10 free-throws in the fourth quarter last Tuesday night to surprise Clayton 60-58.

The Tigers rode the shooting of Ernest Hill in the first quarter to stay even at 10-10, but saw Clayton pull ahead late in the half to take a 31-27 halftime advantage.

Luverne (47): Oliver 9, Cosby 9, Boyd 8, Patterson 3, M. Oliver 10, Jones 8.

### New Brockton banquet set for February 25

The New Brockton High School "Fall Sports Banquet" will be held at the Officer's Club at Ft. Rucker on February 25, 1989.

A social hour will begin at 6:00 p.m. and the dinner and awards ceremonies are slated to begin at 7:00.

For further information and reservations call Doug Pittman 894-5838 or Chuck Lobdell 894-6550.

The deadline for reservations is February 20.

The Tigers pulled ahead early and held on to defeat Luverne 58-47.

The Tigers opened the game red-

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## PREP BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

### Brockton claims Area title with 59-51 win

The New Brockton Gamecocks staged a furious fourth quarter rally Tuesday night to defeat the Straughn Tigers 59-51 and claim their sixth straight Class 2A, Area championship.

Straughn surprised the ninth-ranked Gamecocks by jumping out to a quick 12-0 lead in the opening stanza; however, New Brockton finally got on the scoreboard with 1:12 left in the quarter and by the end of the quarter had pulled within 12-7. New Brockton made runs at the Tigers in the second and third stanzas, but still trailed 40-35 going into the final stanza and appeared headed for another nail biter! The Gamecocks erupted in the fourth quarter behind the outside shooting of Kenny Gibson and the inside play and Todd Boland and pulled out the important win.

Kenny Gibson scored 19 points for the Gamecocks, which improved their record to 12-4 with the win, while Todd Boland added 14 and Chris Lasser 10. Tom Staley scored 18 for Straughn and Scott Kinsaul added 14.

### Brantley clinches Area with 79-58 win

The Brantley Bulldogs wrapped up the Area championship Tuesday night by defeating the Goshen Eagles 79-58.

The Bulldogs got off to a fast start in the contest behind the inside play of Aubrey Wiley and Jeff Driggers and the outside play of Wesley Person and Ben Foster and never looked back in upping their record to 15-1 on the season.

Aubrey Wiley scored 21 points to pace the Bulldog scoring parade, while Wesley Person added 20 points and grabbed 11 rebounds. Jeff Driggers tossed in 15 points for Brantley and Ben Foster added 13. Tim Bryant led Highland Home with 17 points and Tracy Shannon added 11.

### Brantley socks Highland Home 85-41

The Brantley Bulldogs upped their record to 16-1 Friday night with an easy 85-41 win over the Highland Home Flying Squadron, in front of a big crowd at the Bulldog gym.

Junior Wesley Person poured in 30 points to lead Brantley to the lopsided win, while Aubrey Wiley added 14 points and pulled down 14 rebounds. Jeff Driggers also scored 14 points for Brantley and Ben Foster added 13. Tim Bryant led Highland Home with 17 points and Tracy Shannon added 11.

### Kinston nips Straughn late 62-59

Kinston's Chad Keith nailed a three-pointer at the buzzer Friday night to lift the Bulldogs to an exciting 62-59 win over the Straughn Tigers, at the Straughn gym.

Keith, who scored a total of 23 points, led the Bulldogs throughout the game and hit the game winner to help Kinston up its slate to 11-7. Brandy Nobles scored 18 points to aid the Kinston effort and Dewayne Wiggins scored 10. Tom Staley scored 27 for Straughn and Scott Kinsaul added 14.

### Gamecocks clobber Red Level 78-47

The New Brockton Gamecocks pulled away early and then pulled away to hand the Red Level Tigers a lopsided 78-47 setback, at the Gamecock gym.

Robert Kilow scored 25 points to lead New Brockton, which upped its record to 13-4 with the win, while Todd Boland added 14 and David Barenine scored 10.

New Brockton's next game will be Friday night when the Gamecocks visit Enterprise to battle the 6A Wildcats in their annual grudge match.



Kinston's Chad Keith (11) lays in a two-pointer in recent Bulldog action. Keith hit a three-pointer at the buzzer Friday night to lift Kinston to a thrilling win over Straughn.

### Legion And Auxiliary To Meet Tonight

The American Legion will meet tonight, Feb. 2, at 6:30. A covered dish supper will be served.

Comdr Grimes said, new chairs have been placed in the building. Delegates will be elected to at-

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son, Grimes said. "The menu has been served since WWI and has never changed - fried chicken and garlic gravy."

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Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Church, a community landmark, and the cemetery are in great need of repair, according to Mrs. Lena Farris, chairman of the upkeep committee.

Mrs. Farris says volunteers and donations are needed for repair work scheduled for April or May, 1989.

"There are only two active members left in the church," said Mrs. Farris, "and they cannot afford these repairs by themselves."

Anyone with friends or relatives buried in the cemetery is asked to contribute to this project, and may contact Mrs. Farris at 897-2182 in Elba.

The church is over 100 years old, Mrs. Farris said.

**Arat Student's On Honors List At U of A**

Area students named to the Scholastic Honors List at the University of South Alabama for the 1988 fall quarter include:

Elba - Dean's - David G. Morrow

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MRS. JUNE HAMM'S third-grade class visited the Elba Post Office January 23. The students had written letters of congratulations to President Bush, and to voice some of their concerns. Some of these were about drugs, smoking, war, violence, the homeless and child abuse. The letters were written under the direction of Miss Beverly McCall, a student teacher from Troy State University. After mailing their letters the students were given a tour of the post office.

**Enterprise Women's Club To Sponsor Dance**

The Enterprise Junior Women's Club will present an evening of rock and roll with "Chevy 6," on Saturday, March 4, at the Elba Rucker-Officer's Club.

Hot hors d'oeuvres will be served 8-9 p.m., and the band will play from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m.

Tickets are \$12.50 and may be purchased from any Elba member, Yancy Parker or Bryar's in Enterprise. Proceeds from the dance will go to the Enterprise Public Library.

For more information call Lisa Fuller, 347-1425 or Diane Rhine, 347-6068.

**Elba Hospital Report**

Persons admitted to the Elba General Hospital during the period of January 24 through January 30, 1989:

Buna Drinkard, Frances Daniels, Sheila A. Moore, Ellis Eddins, Henry Leverett, Eunice Nelson, Vickie Maddox, Kisha Legear, Fred Cox, Ethel Fillingim, and Jessie Lewis.

Those discharged during the same time period were:

James Eldridge, Mavis Parks, Bertha Donaldson, Alyce McCroan, Frances Daniels, Marilyn Pam Wyatt, Escar Harrison, Buna Drinkard, Sheila Moore, Eunice Nelson, Linda Brooks, Kisha Legear, and Ellis Eddins.

An outstanding brother means "being just that for 365 days of the year and showing brotherhood and leadership."

**David Dorsey Is Voted Outstanding Brother of Year**

David Dorsey, son of Betty Dorsey (of Panama City, formerly of Elba), and the late T.K. Dorsey, was named "Brother of the Year" by his Pi Kappa Phi fraternity brothers at the Rose ball held Saturday evening, Jan. 28, in Dothan.

"An outstanding brother means 'being just that for 365 days of the year and showing brotherhood and leadership.'"

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**MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE**

Default having been made in the terms of that mortgage executed on the 6th day of June, 1973, by Charles Parker and wife Sarah N. Parker to Jim Walter Homes, Inc., said mortgage is recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Probate Coffee County, Alabama, in Record of Mortgage, Book R, 158, Page 277-78, and default continuing, and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the following described property will be sold at public outcry, for cash, to the highest bidder, in front of the Courthouse door of said County, in Elba, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale, on the 31st day of March, 1989.

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## Round And About With Eria... 897-2006

I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, with all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

There is one body, and one Spirit, even as we are called in one hope by one calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all. Eph. 4:1-6

\*\*\*A benefit program will be held at Pleasant Call Baptist Church in Dozier, Rev. I.F. Fagan pastor, on Feb. 5, at 7 p.m., for the purpose of helping rebuild Springhill Baptist Church that burned recently. Rev. Charles Lane is pastor.

The Southern Travelers of Greenville will be guest musicians. \*\*\*Sunday, Jan. 29, Rev. A.R. Williams, pastor of Rocky Head M.B. Church, Elba, and the Young Adult Choir (along with other members and friends) traveled to Panama City, Fla., as guests of the Mt. Olive A.M.E. Church and pastor, Rev. Angus Jackson. There were sermons by the *Go Ye Gospel Men* of Montgomery and Elba.

Those attending the service were: Rev. Williams, Bessie, LaRay, Brette, Keitha, and Chastity; Rodrick Rideaux, Kenya A. Hammond, Bobby Culley, Evelyn, Jason, and Mason; Wiley Brooks, Juanita, and DeNard; Kimberly Kelley, Tommy Mae Faison, Greg Kelley and Alan Belcher; Rev. Henry Shy and family of Montgomery.

**FEBRUARY BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

Before there was American history, there was black history. History is black, is biography. Yet some of the world's greatest biographies - black biographies - are all but lost to history.

But, black history is an ongoing entity; a progression of brilliant biographies still being written. And this time they won't be lost. Crispus Attucks in the Boston Massacre was the first of America's 600,000 dead, dying in the struggle for independence.

Dr. Daniel Hale Williams made black history, if not world history, when he performed the first successful open heart surgery.

Edward M. Bouckert, Yale, was the first black in America to be awarded a doctorate.

James B. Parsons was the first black federal judge in the Continental U.S.

Charlotte Ray was America's first black woman lawyer.

Madam C.J. Walker was America's first millionaire black woman.

\*\*\*Nothing costs so much as what is bought by prayers. Apples of Gold.

\*\*\*The annual Uday Day at Antioch Baptist Church will be held Feb. 12.

The 2:30 p.m. devotional was given by First African Baptist Church, Jordan Grove and Mt. Chapel. Sis. Dolores Gomez presented speaker, Sis. Deborah Brazzile, introduction of speaker - Rev. W.L. Peterson, sermon - Rev. C. Tillman.

Sis. Dorothy Jukes is president, Sis. Annie Crittenden, clerk.

**ESTATE OF KENNETH E. AMISON DECEASED**

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# NEWS FROM OUR EARLY FILES

## TEN YEARS AGO FEBRUARY 1, 1979

Safe driver awards were presented to Elba rural mail carriers James Martin - 21 years; Vaughan Taylor - 5; G.O. Ted Prescott - 28; Ed Cooper - 18; and Charles Coon - 13. Prescott also received a 28-year pin.

Bo Bryan celebrated his fifth birthday on Saturday, Jan. 27, with his family at the home of his grandparents, Edlow and Lorene Bryan.

Krysti Owens, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Owens, celebrated her 8th birthday Saturday, Jan. 13, with a party at her home. Those attending included Krysti McIlwain, Beverly Bruce, Teri Finner, Amelia Bedsole, Lucinda Byrd, Michelle Kellner, Mandy Hamm, Tiffany Parker, Vickie Berry, Chris Brown, Chris Armstrong, Derrick Sunson, Rick Stettner, Amy Fuller, Jeannie Clark, Mark and Michael Vaughn, Sonya and Jason Smith.

Mrs. Irene Hodge was honored by her children with a birthday celebration on Dec. 17 at the home of her son Byron. All six children were present and members of five generations, from oldest to youngest: Mrs. Lily Weeks, Mrs. Noah Tidwell, Mrs. Irene Hodge, Mrs. Linda Flowers, and little Beverly Flowers, age 2.

## TWENTY YEARS AGO JANUARY 30, 1969

Workmen report that almost 50,000 yards of dirt have been hauled into the old pond area behind the Elba Elementary School to make way for a playground. The pond was reportedly 20 feet deep and had fish in it.

Billy Parrish, 4-H'er from Mt. Pleasant School, is shown unloading 1,000 pine seedlings he ordered. County agent Tom Casaday is shown examining a field that was severely stunted due to lack of lime, which is costing Coffee County farmers thousands of dollars each year.

1969 Kinston girls 4-H officers: Pam Kelley, Rita Davis, Gayle Day, Penny Seay, Beth Stanley, Jamie Bailey, Terry Weeks, Sheila Wilks and Sheila Holley.

## THIRTY YEARS AGO JANUARY 29, 1959

Winners in the Christmas lighting contest were Mrs. Jack Brunson for best decorated home, and Mrs. K.D. Thomason and Mrs. Lamar Rain Sr., partners in the L & L Shoppe for the best decorated place

## Valentine Pageant To Be Held February 11th

The Tri-County Valentine Sweetheart Pageant will be held Feb. 11 at the Elba High School auditorium, beginning at 6 p.m.

Age divisions and dress are:  
Tiny - 0 - 2 - short dress  
Tot - 3 - 5 - short dress  
Little Miss - 6 - 8 - short dress  
Mini Miss - 9 - 11 - short or long dress  
Junior Miss - 12 - 14 - long dress

Miss - 15 - 18 - long dress  
A winner and two alternates will be chosen per age division (there must be at least five per age group). Winners will receive trophy, crown, banner, and a \$50 savings bond. All contestants will receive a trophy.

Entries will be taken until Feb. 9. Practice will be held Feb. 10 at 6 p.m.

Entry fee is \$15 and must be submitted with entry form. Admission is \$3.00; ages 5 and under free.

For more information contact Jackie Simson - 897-5006; Larry Bradshaw - 897-5505.

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Through the Keyhole, with Mrs. Robert Cannon: A group of ladies traveling to sunny Florida included Mrs. Edgar Vaughan and Mrs. Rowe Bowers, who were joined at DeFuniak Springs by their sister Mrs. John Dorsey. The trio spent several days at the home of another sister, Mrs. Edwin Vaughan. They spent the day with their

brother in St. Petersburg. Also, JoAnne, Ricky and Freddie Rainer drove to Ft. Walton in their lovely new car. They went to see Pat and Van Vanbaricum. Eddie Lee English, son of Edd and Minnie English, passed away following an illness of eight days. He was suffering from an attack of pneumonia. A brother survives in addition to his parents.

## FORTY YEARS AGO FEBRUARY 3, 1949

Button Grimes, farmer living west of Elba, lost his pocketbook containing \$420 several months ago. One day this week an Archie boy was plowing in the field and the missing pocketbook with the money was turned up. The bills were stuck together but were distinguishable and were sent to Atlanta

for redemption. It was pointed out that the farmer was "Shirt Button" Grimes and not "Briches Button" Grimes. Sonny Holland bought a dozen eggs at the Taylor Grocery and when his wife broke one of them it contained six yolks. The egg came from McKinnon Poultry Farm in Brantley.

New Brockton News: On Friday

afternoon, Jan. 28, Mrs. Leon Bailey was hostess to the Merrie Needles Club. Following the sewing hour party refreshments were served to: Mrs. L.F. Jones, Mrs. E.C. Fuller, Mrs. John I. Jones, Mrs. Claude Sawyer, Mrs. Lex Nichols, Mrs. M.H. McDowell, Mrs. Earl Sawyer, Mrs. J.A. Harris, Mrs. M.O. Jones, Mrs. E. A. Sawyer and Mrs. Neal Rainey.

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# The Elba Clipper



HEADING TO COURT...is Willie Simmons "Billy Boy" Jackson. Jackson was found guilty of the 1987 beating death of an elderly Elba resident.

## Jury recommends life sentence

## 'Billy Boy' found guilty

A jury needed only 45 minutes of deliberation Friday afternoon before finding an Elba man guilty of capital murder in connection with the July 1987 beating death of an elderly Elba resident.

Willie Simmons "Billy Boy" Jackson, age 38, was found guilty of capital murder in the death of 87-year-old Elmo Roberts and also guilty of four counts of forgery—second degree.

The jury recommended life without parole for Jackson; however, Judge Gary McAllie delayed sentencing until March 14 at 1:30 p.m., following a pre-sentencing investigation and the submission of sentencing recommendations by defense and prosecution attorneys.

District Attorney Joel Folmar had sought the death penalty in the trial and in the sentencing hearing re-submitted evidence presented during the three-day trial, as well as a copy of a document by Dr. Joe W. Dixon, one of three psychiatrists at the Taylor-Hardin Secure Medical Facility who evaluated Jackson and found him competent to stand trial.

Defense attorney Paul Young told of Jackson's childhood and questioned Jackson's aunt, who stated Jackson grew up without parental support and was influenced by the alcohol abuse of elderly family members.

Judge McAllie will announce his sentence at the March 14 hearing.

The 12-woman, 2-man jury began hearing opening arguments in the case within minutes of being sworn in and heard Coffee County District Attorney Joel Folmar state that he would show evidence that the attack occurred on July 3, 1987

and that Jackson killed Roberts by striking the victim in the head with a metal iron and "cruelly and brutally cutting his throat with a pair of scissors" and then taking a broom

handle and forcing it into Roberts' throat.

Folmar also stated that testimony would show that Jackson robbed Roberts of \$55 and took four checks and cashed the checks in Elba for \$20.

Paul Young, one of three attorneys that represented Jackson, began his opening arguments with an emotional speech in which he told the jury "my heart's in my throat...and maybe yours is too because this is a serious matter....The prosecution is asking you to kill this man...and human life is irreplaceable."

"Don't be motivated by blood," Young told the jury. "Don't hearken back to the days of the wolves. We are human beings and must always ask ourselves 'why?' You are not an angry lynch mob. You are being asked to judge the conduct of another human being. Always ask yourself 'why?'"

During testimony Wednesday, Medical Examiner Alfredo Parades stated that Roberts died to death as a result of blunt force and sharp force injuries to the head and neck.

Elba Rescue Squad Captain Sonny Inman testified that he discovered Roberts' body "in a pool of blood" in the apartment in which he lived at approximately 4:30 p.m. on July 5.

Inman also stated that he had seen Jackson walking down the street about two blocks from the apartment earlier that morning when he went to pick up Mrs. Brunneuse Winston, who owned the apartment that adjoins her home.

Mrs. Winston testified that she found Roberts' body when she went into the apartment following a request from one of the victim's children.

Defense attorney Paul Young motioned for a mistrial during Wednesday's trial because two checks allegedly forged by Jackson had not been identified as evidence for the prosecution until a forensics expert testified that Jackson's fingerprints were found on the checks.

Judge Gary McAllie denied the motion and later denied an objection by Young to testimony given by Alabama Bureau of Investigation fingerprint expert Gloria Walters

A tape recorded confession given by Jackson was heard by the jury Thursday and in the confession the accused said "I was broke, disgusted and needed money."

In the pared confession, Jackson admitted causing the death of Roberts on July 5, 1987 by striking the victim in the head with a metal iron, cutting his throat with a pair of blunt-end scissors and forcing a broom handle down the victim's throat.

Coffee County Investigator Bruce DeVane stated Thursday that Jackson was arrested and charged with forgery after a clerk identified Jackson as the man who had passed the checks at a fast food restaurant on July 6.

The clerk stated that Jackson frequented the restaurant and said that on the day in question he appeared nervous and "acted a little weird."

DeVane testified that conversations with Jackson after the forgery arrest and other information prompted the capital murder warrant, which was served on Jackson in the Coffee County jail on July 7, 1987.

## County school board names Barnes as new principal at Kinston High School

The Coffee County Board of Education met in special session on Thursday night, February 2, and named Jerry Barnes as the new principal at Kinston High School.

Barnes, a native of Opp, has been with the Coffee County School System for the past nine years as the director at the Area Vocational Center, at New Brockton, and will assume the duties at Kinston as soon as a replacement is named at the vocational center.

Barnes, who resides in the Ino Community, is a graduate of Opp High School and Troy State University and has a Masters Degree in Vocational Education from the University of Alabama and a Masters Degree in Administration from Troy State. He has also completed his A.A. in Administration from Auburn University at Montgomery.

"This is another step for me professionally," stated Barnes, "and a career opportunity that I felt I needed to take. I have enjoyed my years at the vocational center and feel that Kinston will be a good place to be for many years to come. Kinston is a small school with a lot of community and school pride and I am looking forward to becoming a part of the community and the school."

Barnes will replace Laverne Cain, who resigned December 27, 1988, to accept a position with the Troy City Schools.

The board also voted to employ Larry Stephenson as the new head football coach at Zion Chapel High

School. Stephenson will come to Zion Chapel from Eufulah High School, where he has been an assistant for the past three years in football and also served as head baseball coach. Stephenson is a graduate of St. James School, in Montgomery, and Livingston University, and also holds Masters Degrees in both mathematics and Physical education (to allow the new coach to conduct spring training).

Stephenson was a four-year starter at Livingston and played one year in the National Football League before getting into high school coaching.

"Since I was a youngster I always wanted to be a football coach and this will be my first shot at head coaching," said Stephenson. "I have been an assistant at both the high school and college level and feel I can be an asset to Zion Chapel both as a coach and an educator. I am looking forward to meeting the students at Zion Chapel and am confident that together we can turn the program back into the kind of program everyone will be proud of."

In other action at Thursday's meeting, the board:

\*\*\*went into a thirty-minute executive session to discuss a major leak at the Zion Chapel Elementary School;

\*\*\*approved a request to provide homebound services for a kindergarten student at Zion Chapel;

\*\*\*was informed that the "Safe Kids" program, offered through the extension service, would be conducted at all elementary schools in the county system;

\*\*\*and, was reminded that the next regular meeting would be on February 13 at 7:00 at the central office in Elba.



SCOUTS LEARN ABOUT RESCUE SQUAD...Members of the Elba Rescue Squad were present at last week's meeting of the Cub Scouts, in Elba, to explain the workings of the squad to the scouts. Rescue Squad captain Sonny Inman is pictured above narrating what is done at the scene of a traffic accident, while squad members display actual rescue techniques on a CPR mannequin.

## Auction to net county almost \$100,000

What some people called the "country's largest yard sale" was held last Saturday at the Coffee County Fairgrounds, in New Brockton, when three counties and two local cities combined their surplus equipment and sponsored an absolute auction that raised over

\$260,000. The auction, the second such held at the county fairgrounds, included equipment from Coffee, Geneva and Covington counties, as well as equipment from Elba and Enterprise.

## Highway 134 now open to traffic

The Alabama Highway Department has announced that AL Hwy. 134 between Opp and Perry Store Community is open; however, the road is still under construction and the public is urged to proceed through the construction zone with caution and obey all signs and warning devices.

Any inquiry concerning the work

on this project should be directed to Bullard Excavating, Inc., P. O. Box 1028, Andalusia, Alabama 36420, phone 222-5555; Mr. Leonis Stinson, District Engineer, P. O. Box 120, Enterprise, AL, 36330, phone 347-8166; or George W. Gilmore, Jr., Project Engineer, P. O. Box 120, Enterprise, Alabama 36330, phone 347-8806.

## Rural traffic fatalities decline

Preliminary figures released recently by the Alabama Department of Public Safety indicated that traffic fatalities on Alabama's rural roadways decreased by 18 percent in 1988.

According to Col. Thomas H. Wells, director of DPS, during 1988 a total of 635 people died in rural traffic accidents, compared to 770 in 1987.

"This is a significant one-year savings in lives," said Col. Wells. "A concentrated enforcement effort and the cooperation of the motoring public helped reduce overall the number of rural traffic deaths last year."

Wells noted the high incidence of alcohol involvement in traffic fatalities and cited reports filed with the Department of Public Safety which showed alcohol involvement in 33 percent of all traffic deaths in Alabama in 1987.

To increase trooper DUI arrests and decrease alcohol-related fatalities, state troopers last year took part in specialized DUI training and made 9,715 arrests for DUI, compared to 9,392 in 1987.

Wells said state troopers will continue to make every effort to

keep accidents, injuries and fatalities to a minimum in 1989 and added that the motoring public played an important role in the reduction of traffic deaths by driving defensively and carefully and practicing safe driving habits, such as regular safety belt use.

Following is a breakdown of rural fatalities by roadway:

	1988	1987
Interstate	69	59
U.S./State	309	391
County	257	320

## All first graders must have SS number prior to 89-90 school year

Effective at the beginning of the scholastic year 1989-90, (July 1, 1989), each child enrolling in first grade, and effective 1990-91 (July 1990), each child enrolling in kindergarten through 12th grade in an Alabama public school are required to have a Social Security number

and a valid Social Security card to be presented to the school officials at the time of pre-registration for verification and then will be returned to the child/parent/guardian custodian, according to Lamar Foley, superintendent of Elba City Schools.